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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Jeff Hagener, Director for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

SJR 18 urges the U.S. congress to allocate a portion of Federal Excise Taxes for tribal fish and wildlife management similar to the way the taxes are allocated to the states. This is the appropriate mechanism to obtain federal aid dollars for Montana's Tribes. Other bills have been proposed this session and in past sessions that would have allocated a portion of the state's federal aid allocation to the Tribes. They all have the common need to follow all of the federal requirements that the state has to follow, several of which would be difficult to accomplish.

SJR18 urges congress to establish a separate allocation at the federal level for tribes to use the federal excise taxes. This is the appropriate avenue. It allows congress to tailor the program to Tribal governments much like the tribal wildlife grants were in response to the development of the state wildlife grant program.